

WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS COMMISSIONERS COURT

PUBLIC NOTICE COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE 1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR LAREDO, TEXAS 78040 March 12, 2007 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER BY THE HONORABLE COUNTY JUDGE DANNY VALDEZ

- 1. ROLL CALL BY HONORABLE MARGIE RAMIREZ-IBARRA, WEBB COUNTY CLERK
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- **3.** APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2007
- **4.** APPROVAL OF BILLS, PAYROLL AND MONTHLY REPORTS
- 5. COMMUNICATIONS
- **6.** Public Comment-This section provides the public the opportunity to address the Commissioners Court on any items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to participate must complete a Witness Card specifying which agenda item they wish to comment on. Each public member will be allowed a total of three (3) minutes within which to make any/all public comments.

COURT TO DISCUSS AND ACT ON THE FOLLOWING:

Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

- **7.** Status report/presentation by Administrative Services Department and the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center on recent Webb County Blood Drives.
- **8.** Discussion and possible action to proclaim March as "Laredo Animal Protective Society Month in Webb County, Texas".
- **9.** Discussion and possible action to accept a grant of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) from the Lamar Bruni Vergara Foundation for the construction of the El Cenizo Public Library Building including an amount, to be determined, as a grant to the City of El Cenizo for site acquisition for the project.

Honorable Frank Sciaraffa, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 1

10. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to AEP to install 46 Street Lights, on Espejo Molina Road from Hwy 83 to El Cenizo, Texas, and to authorize the transfer of \$16,000.00 of Interest Income from Fund 657 to Acct. No. 661-7501-8621-01 Espejo Molina Road. [Requested by Tomas M. Rodriguez Jr. P.E.; Account Number 661-7501-8621-01]

Honorable Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 2

- **11.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the transfer of \$100,363.02 from Interest Income Series 2006 (711-0300-3601) to the Santa Teresita Community Center Construction Account (723-8103-8710-1).
- **12.** Discussion and possible action to authorize Change Order No. 1 for the addition of two offices, one bathroom, computer laminated desk counters, five doors, electrical work and one two ton AC unit in the amount of \$23,995.85 and the deletion of 10,211 square feet of asphalt from parking lot in the amount of \$23,995.85. Contractor will install approximately 367 cubic yards of caliche base on the south side parking lot. The contract price of \$458,363.02 will not increase.

Honorable Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3

13. Discussion and possible action to enter into a purchase and installation contract involving water well pumping equipment with Richardson & Dunn, Inc. d/b/a J & S Water Wells involving Webb County's school lands' water well located off U.S. Highway 83 and Texas Highway 44 at a cost not to exceed TWO HUNDRED FORTY-NINE THOUSAND

DOLLARS (\$249,000.00), and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Account Number 718-0118-8601]

Commissioners Court

14. Discussion and possible action to authorize and direct Webb County's "County-City Projects Coordinating Committee" to have open discussions with the City of Laredo's "City-County Government Issues Committee" to formulate agreements on the "Colombia-Webb County Rail Bridge Project" and on the "Laredo International Bridge V Project" and any matters incident thereto.

MEDIA BREAK

County Attorney

- 15. Discussion and possible action to enter into a contract amendment with RWL GROUP, insurance consultants, to extend the contract period for one year (March 15, 2007 to March 15, 2008) at a monthly cost of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) for preparation of an RFP for the County's voluntary insurance program and cafeteria plan/administration including plan survey, specifications and bidding process, and to expand the property and casualty services to include a workers compensation claims audit, and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant [Requested by Administrative Services; Account Number 817-0105-6022]
- **16.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a Third Party Funding Agreement with the TAMIU Guitar Ensemble in the amount of THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$3,370.00) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.
- 17. Discussion and possible action to enter into a one year (January 1, 2007 through December 30, 2007) contract with National Plan Administrator to serve as Webb County's Third Party Administrator of Webb County's Section 125 Cafeteria Plan at the following cost:

Premium Only Participants
Flexible Spending Account Participants
Annual IRS Form 5500 Filing
Annual Enrollment Services

\$ 1.00 Per Participant Per Month \$ 2.50 Per Participant Per Month

\$ 75.00 (if required)

\$ 5.00 (per # of employees)

and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

[Requested by Administrative Services; Account Number 817-0105-6022]

- 18. Discussion and possible action to enter into an inter-local agreement with Zapata County to fund the cash match portion of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant which funds the District Attorney's Multi Agency Task Force in the amount of ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-NINE DOLLARS (\$1,699,799.00) with Webb County's obligation being TWO HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND AND FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$201,055.00) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by the DA's Multi-Agency Narcotics Task Force, Account No: 284-1100-3532]
- **19.** Discussion and possible action to accept THREE (3) Right-of-Way out of Tanquecitos I, ONE (1) Right-of-Way out of D-5 Acres, FIVE (5) Drainage Easement out of Bonanaza Hills, and ONE (1) Quitclaim Deed out of Bonanaza Hills and authorizing the County Judge and Commissioners to sign all relevant documents.
- **20.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a Third Party Funding Agreement with Ruth B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center in the amount of NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$90,000.00)

- and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by As per Webb County Budget FY 2007; Account Number 001-4300-3100]
- 21. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution and Order of the Webb County Commissioners Court, authorizing the filing of an Economically Distressed Areas Program application with the Texas Water Development Board for financial assistance in the amount of FOUR MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$4,812,695.00) which includes a SIX HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$648,000.00) loan component and designating the County Judge as the authorized representative of the county to act on behalf of the Webb County Commissioners Court in all matters pertaining to the submission and execution of the grant.
- 22. Discussion and possible action to name the Fire Services Brush Truck acquired with grant money from the Texas Forest Service to be used by the Bruni Volunteer Fire Department, and any matters incident thereto. [Requested by Juan Vargas; Account Number N/A]
- 23. Discussion and possible action to set the closing date for the Atlantic Inland Group, Inc., "Casa Ortiz" purchase and authorizing the County Judge or his designee to attend the closing and sign any closing documents. [Account Number 728-8113-8609 \$1,650,000.00; 723-8103-8710-1 \$33,333.00; 723-8103-8710-2 \$33,333.00; 725-8102-8609 \$33,334.00]
- 24. Discussion and possible action to amend the contract with the Red Cross to further clarify the contracting party as the Laredo Branch of the San Antonio Area Chapter for the American Red Cross. [Requested by Hon. Homero Ramirez, Webb County Attorney; Account Number 001-0110-7411]
- 25. Discussion and possible action to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Laredo for 911 PSAP back-up and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relelvant documents. [Requested by City of Laredo; Account Number None]

Sheriff

- **26.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement to participate in the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Law Enforcement Aviation Technology Program. Memorandum between the Webb County Sheriff's Department, Border Research and Technology Center, United States Department of Justice and National Institute of Justice for the use of a Rans6-6ES Coyote II N43822 aircraft.
- **27.** Discussion and possible action to accept the following aircraft to the Webb County Sheriff's Department Fleet:

Rans6-6ES Coyote II N43822, registration mark N 43822 Aircraft serial no. 12041628

- **28.** Discussion and possible action to request to obtain one additional VHF radio frequency license for the Webb County Sheriff's Departments Communications Center in order to separate 911 radio transmissions from general radio communications.
- **29.** Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers:

From:	001-2001-5001	Payroll	10,336.00	
	001-2003-5001	Payroll	2,375.00	
	001-2020-5001	Payroll	986.00	
	001-2060-5001	Payroll	74,768.00	
	001-2060-6022	Professional Services	8,913.00	
	001-2061-5001	Payroll	23,169.00	
	001-2600-5001	Payroll	5,371.00	
To:	001-2001-5003	Overtime		37,000.00
	001-2001-5301	FICA		1,822.00
	001-2001-5303	Retirement		2,093.00
	001-2001-5304	Health/Life Insurance		448.00
	001-2001-5305	Worker's Comp		1,727.00
	001-2001-5306	Unemployment		382.00
	001-2001-5011	Sick Leave Buy Back		11,809.00
	001-2001-6205	Materials & Supplies		4,000.00
	001-2001-6224	Minor Tools & Apparatus		4,000.00
	001-2060-5005	Temporary Part time		47,500.00
	001-2060-5011	Sick Leave Buy Back		2,137.00
	001-2060-6011	Training & Education		5,000.00
	001-2060-6205	Materials & Supplies		4,000.00

Tax Assessor-Collector

30. Discussion and possible action to approve refund of \$2,776.32 to Jewelry International Inc., c/o Jeevath Buxani, from property tax account 800-09000-034 due to adjustment in value for 2006.

Administrative Services

31. Discussion and possible action to act on and finalize procedures for selection process of the Public Information Officer position, including but not limited to, the scheduling of interviews with applicants

Community Action Agency

32. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of an application to the United Way of Laredo for the Webb County Community Action Agency's Elderly Nutrition Program in the amount of \$75,000.00.

Elections Administration

- **33.** Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution and Order authorizing joint elections between Webb County, the United Independent School District and the City of Rio Bravo, Texas to be conducted on May 12, 2007 and authorize the Webb County Elections Administrator to prepare Joint Election Services Contracts for both entities for the conduct and supervision of said elections **Pursuant to Chapter 271, Texas Election Code.**
- **34.** Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution and Order authorizing and establishing the Main, Temporary Branch, and Mobile Early Voting Polling Sites for the May 12, 2007 Joint Elections **Pursuant to Chapter 85, Texas Election Code.**
- **35.** Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution and Order authorizing and establishing Election Day Polling Places for the May 12, 2007 Joint Elections pursuant to Chapter 43, Texas Election Code and Consolidating certain precincts within Webb County **Pursuant to Section 42.008, Texas Election Code.**
- **36.** Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution and Order authorizing and establishing salaries for Election Day presiding judges and clerks and establishing the maximum number of clerks for each polling place for the May 12, 2007 Joint Elections **Pursuant to Sections 32.091 (a) and Section 32.033, Texas Election Code.**
- **37.** Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution and Order authorizing and establishing a Central Counting Station, appointment of the Central Counting Station Manager, Tabulation Supervisor, Assistant Tabulation Supervisors, Central Counting

Station Presiding Judge and establish their respective salaries for the May 12, 2007 Joint Elections **Pursuant to Sections 127, Texas Election Code.**

Engineer

- 38. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent and the County Engineer to Advertise for Proposals for an "Appraisal Reviewer" for the Cuatro Vientos R.O.W. Acquisition project. [Requested by Texas Dept. of Transportation.; Account Number 716-7102-6022]
- 39. Discussion and possible action to authorize final payment and retainage to CG Construction Inc., in the amount of \$11,874.36 for the County Nutrition and Health Center located off of Hwy 359 next to the Self Help Center. [Requested by CG Construction.; Account Number 708-8001-8801]

Purchasing Department

- 40. Discussion and possible action to solicit request for proposals to construct under the "Design Build" concept night lighting, drainage and shelter improvements to the existing Webb County Law Enforcement Pistol/Rifle Range. [Requested by Juan Vargas, Economic Development; Account No. 308-2001-6224 and 308-2001-8801]
- **41.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of one digital copier e-Studio 351c through Texas Buyboard contract #231-05 in the amount of \$7,085.00 from Office Communications System for Commissioner Pct. 2's office. [Requested by: Commissioner Pct. 2, Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina Account Number 722-0101-8801]
- **42.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the transfer of one (1) Econoline van VIN#1FTFS24Y4THB03105 to the Medical Examiner Department.
- **43.** Discussion and possible action to donate the attached office equipment pursuant to Subchapter D, Disposition of Salvage or Surplus Property §263.152,(4),(b), (c) of the Texas Government Code to the Laredo Crime Stoppers. [Requested by Carolyn Leyendecker, Executive Director]
 - 1) Coffee Table
 - 2) Chair
 - 3) Typewriter
- **44.** Discussion and possible action to award the following bid:

Bid 2007-67 Webb County Tax Office Remodeling. [Requested by Patricia Barrera Account No. 722-0700-8801]

45. Discussion and possible action to purchase one (1) year Software Maintenance Agreement for IBM iSeries/400 for the MIS Department in the amount of \$24,995.00. [Requested by : Jaime F. Alvarado; Account Number 001-0500-6411]

46. Discussion and possible action to purchase seven (7) desktop computers and necessary software for the Administrative Services Department though the DIR-SDD-200 Contract for the amount of \$8,050.00 from the following vendors:

(1) 7 desktop computers LENOVO \$5,544.00

DIR Contract DIR-SDD-200

(2) Software Shaina Bigman \$2,506.00

DIR Contract DIR-SDD-198

TOTAL: \$8,050.00

[Requested by: Cynthia Mares; Account Number: 2006 Certificates of Obligation].

Executive Session

- 47. Discussion and possible action to provide direction and authority in Cause No. L-06-85; Guillermo Garcia vs. Webb County; In the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with attorney)].
- **48.** Discussion and possible action to provide direction and authority in Civil Action No.05:06cv01; Jose M Rodriguez, III vs. Webb County, Texas and Juan Garza, Former Sheriff Individually; In the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with attorney)].
- **49.** Discussion and possible action regarding mediation in Satterfield & Pontikes, Inc. v. Webb County, Texas and any matters incident thereto. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]
- 50. Discussion and possible action to accept or reject the recommendations of the committee reviewing applicants for the position of Webb County Public Defender; to establish further selection criteria or procedures; to conduct or schedule interviews; and/or to make a selection. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.074 (Personnel Matters)]
- **51.** Discussion and possible action to enter into an Agreed Order with TCEQ for a Supplemental Environmental Project in Docket No. 2003-0051-MLM-E and any matters incident thereto. [Closed Session is requested pursuant to to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

52. Adjournment

The Webb County Commissioners Court hereby reserves the right to go into closed session at any time during this public meeting, if such is requested by the County Attorney or other legal counsel for the County, pursuant to his or her duty under Section 551.071(2) of the Government Code, to consult privately with his or her client on an item on the agenda, or on a matter arising out of such item.

♣DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT ♣

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid of service such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or need large print are requested to contact the court administrator at (956) 523-4622.

DΑ	TED THIS <u>8th</u> DAY OF <u>MARCH</u> , 2007.
Ву	
J	Yolanda L. Carrillo Court Administrator

CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE AND POSTING

I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse door of Webb County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the <u>8th</u> day of <u>MARCH</u>, 2007 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS <u>8th</u> DAY OF <u>MARCH</u>, 2007

MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA, COUNTY CLERK, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: _____
Imelda Diaz, Deputy Clerk